

armies until his reinforcements have arrived from European Russia.

The reports of Chinese activity in southern Manchuria have caused a good deal of nervousness among the Powers, which is by no means dispelled by the assurances of the Chinese authorities that any signs of another anti-foreign outbreak will be met with severe repressive measures.

The activity of the Chinese tribesmen and the known dissatisfaction of the Chinese troops, who have been worked upon by anti-Russian and anti-foreign agitators to such an extent that they are with difficulty kept from open mutiny is considered a very threatening fact in the Eastern situation.

Mystery still enshrouds the operations about Port Arthur. The Japanese admit the loss of two warships, a torpedo boat and a small cruiser at Dalny, through coming in contact with mines. They claim to have taken possession of Dalny after some opposition and this claim is probably true.

It is also considered probable that a desperate attempt will be made to take Port Arthur within a few days, as soon as the Japanese commander can get his forces in shape. How soon this will be only the Japanese themselves know.

### IN PRECARIOUS POSITION.

London Papers So Regard the Position of General Kuropatkin.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, May 17.—In the absence of actual news from the seat of war in the Far East, the London newspapers this morning comment on what is believed to be the precarious position of General Kuropatkin, who is menaced by the possibility of the Chinese rebels, cutting his communications as well as by the difficulty of divining the Japanese plan of campaign.

The Standard, which is rather inclined to be pro-Russian in its views, admits that General Kuropatkin has at his disposal south of Mukden at most, 100,000 troops of inferior quality, only 75,000 of whom are available for active operations, while General Kuroki certainly has 140,000 first-class troops, the equal of those in European armies. "Under such conditions," the Standard says, "the issue of battle is very seldom doubtful."

The Shang Hai correspondent of the Morning Post says that the Chinese government is addressing an identical note to all its ministers abroad renewing China's declaration of neutrality and that an imperial edict will be issued enjoining the Chinese people to strictly observe neutrality.

### KUROPATKIN CUT OFF.

Japanese Are Determined Russian General Shall Not Communicate With Port Arthur.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 16.—The Japanese evidently are determined that there shall not be any further communication between General Kuropatkin and Port Arthur. Official advice received today by the general staff say the Japanese have destroyed fifty miles of the railroad north of Ken Chow. No resistance was made by the Russians, who are gradually abandoning it.

On the Japanese approach, Colonel Spiridov, of the Amur Railroad Battalion, is seeking to render the railroad as useless as possible to the enemy by removing the switches and otherwise disabling the road. The Russians are retreating because of the approach of the Japanese columns sent westward by General Kuroki immediately after the occupation of Feng Wang Cheng.

Experts who discussed the military situation today expressed the opinion that General Kuropatkin will not remain at Liao Yang. Their view seems to be borne out by reports from Liao Yang announcing the departure of Russian families from that point.

It is said that General Kuropatkin is not at all discouraged by the advance of the Japanese. Telegrams received here today from Liao Yang report him as being "perfectly satisfied" with the outlook.

It was announced today that the Tenth and Seventeenth Army Corps will leave May 15th for Manchuria. This force includes the Orenburg division of Cossacks and artillery armed with the new model rapid-fire field guns.

Big Engagement to Take Place.

(By Associated Press.) CHIEF FOO, May 16.—A combined land and sea attack on Port Arthur is expected to take place between May 20th and May 23d. The Japanese



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hope to occupy Port Dalny within a few days. Dalny is not fortified, the only fort in the vicinity being one midway between Liaoanwan and Kiao Chou. After the destruction of the submarine mines at Tallenwan, the Japanese intend to land additional troops and commence an attack on Port Arthur.

A Japanese officer informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the Japanese would lose two thousand men in the attack. This he did not consider to be a large number in view of the great percentage of sick and wounded who will be able to retake the field as a result of modern hospital equipment.

Well informed Chinese say that the entrance to Port Arthur is not blocked.

### DESTRUCTION OF MIYAKO.

Japanese Dispatch Boat Strikes Mine and Is Blown to Atoms.

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, May 16.—The Japanese dispatch boat Miyako was destroyed in Keri Bay by striking a submerged mine. Miyako, carrying 100 men, was on the operations of clearing the Russian mines from Keri Bay, northeast of Tallen Wan Bay, in which Port Dalny is situated. Admiral Katoka, commander of the third squadron, returned there Sunday with a detachment of his squadron, protecting two flotillas of torpedo boats, which had been detailed to complete sweeping the harbor by the removal of mines.

Five mines were discovered and exploded, and the work was being suspended for the day when the Miyako struck an undiscovered mine, which exploded with tremendous force under stern on the port side, and inflicted immense damage on the hull.

The Miyako sank in twenty-two minutes. Two sailors were killed and twenty-two men were wounded. The rest of the crew were rescued.

The news of the loss of the Miyako has been sorrowfully received in Tokyo. The Japanese character of the work in which the Miyako was engaged in generally appreciated, but it was thought that the loss of torpedo boat No. 48, under similar circumstances Thursday last, would serve as a warning to those engaged in the work to exercise the greatest care.

Admiral Katoka reports that the Russians withdrew from Robinson Point northeast of Keri Bay, which adjoins Tallen Wan Bay, May 12th, but they erected a temporary fort on the height northeast of Taku mountain, where they mounted six guns and constructed protecting trenches. The vessels of Admiral Katoka's squadron shelled the Russians throughout Sunday, but the latter stubbornly retained the position. The Japanese flotilla while sweeping the bay, were exposed to the Russian fire all day, but continued their work unharmed.

When the Japanese torpedo boat No. 48 was destroyed May 12th in Keri Bay, while removing and destroying Russian mines, seven men were killed and seven were wounded. The No. 48 was the first warship lost by the Japanese during the war with Russia.

The Miyako was one of the warships which took part in the operations at Keri Bay, Tallen Wan Bay and Blackney (or Kien bay), the day No. 48 was destroyed. The Miyako was a steel cruiser of 1,500 tons displacement, and 6,129 indicated horsepower, completed in 1901 and having an estimated speed of 20 knots. She was 212 feet long, had 26 feet beam and drew 15 feet 4 inches of water. Her armament consisted of two 4.7 inch quick-firing guns and ten 1.8 inch guns and four torpedo tubes.

### Fighting at Liao Yang.

(By Associated Press.) NEW CHANG, May 15.—There is an unconfirmed rumor that heavy fighting took place in the direction of Liao Yang yesterday. The reports of big guns were widely heard east of New Chang at 5 o'clock this morning. The Russo-Chinese Bank has been moved to the French consulate.

No News From Port Arthur.

(By Associated Press.) NEW CHANG (Sunday), May 15.—The Russians now admit that the railroad is practically closed to Port Arthur. Nothing has been heard from there by wire for three days, and six days' mail messages to the south of Hsu Yen was returned this afternoon. The furniture of the administration building has been taken away. The Russians say General Linvitch, with a large army, is moving from Vladivostok towards Korea.

## ADDRESS ON TEMPERANCE

Dr. E. O. Taylor Talks to Large Audiences on the Effects of Alcohol.

### LARGE REVIVAL RESULTS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, VA., May 16.—Dr. E. O. Taylor, the distinguished chemist and physiologist of Boston, who has been delivering a course of lectures at the First Baptist Church in this city on the effect of alcohol, closed the course last night with a discussion of "Alcohol and Brains." Large audiences have heard him throughout the course, and last evening extra seats had to be brought in to accommodate the audience. Members of all denominations were there, among them Mayor W. M. Jones, who has recently been renominated for the office he has so faithfully filled during his present term.

Dr. Taylor made a deep impression on his hearers, who felt that they were being given in language that they could understand facts that scientists have long been employed in finding out. Dr. Taylor places alcohol in the list of poisons with strychnine, mercury, lead and morphine.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF POISON.** Every poison, he says, likes some part of the body best—strychnine, the spine; tobacco, the heart; mercury, the mouth; alcohol, the brain. It depresses the lower faculties and stimulates the lower faculties. He quoted the great French scientist, Dr. McKay, who said that it has been proven by experiment that alcohol in small doses depresses judgment and reason and other higher faculties of the brain. He said that statistics show that nine-tenths of all crimes are the result of alcohol. In his State, Massachusetts, there are 24,000 persons in penal institutions, 20,000 of whom are moderate drinkers and 4,000 only habitual drunkards.

Dr. Taylor came to Petersburg from the Bahama Islands, where he had been sent by a commission to instruct the natives as to the baneful effect of alcohol.

**FINE REVIVALS.** As a result of the revivals recently held at the Methodist churches in this city, there have been reported 564 conversions, and services are now going on at Ettrick and Blandford churches. Rev. George E. Booker closed a very successful revival at High Street Church last night with a hundred and fifty conversions and reclamations from these services.

The report presented at the meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Association, held at Washington Street Church yesterday, showed that with a total register of 2,415 scholars, there was an average Sunday attendance of 1,381, or 57 per cent. The report of President Dyer showed that the register of the schools had increased 485 over last year. Mr. Isham R. Dyer was re-elected president with Mr. Samuel A. Gantry secretary.

### HUSTINGS COURT.

The May term of the Hustings Court begins Thursday. The grand jury for this term is composed of J. V. Wells, C. B. Nunnally, E. C. Venable, A. G. M. Martin, J. R. Turner, W. N. Jones, S. M. Green, E. E. Titus.

Mr. George W. Oliver, who was recently nominated for Mayor of Charlottesville, Va., was formerly a well known citizen of Petersburg, and is a brother of Mr. F. L. Oliver, of this city.

The Home Mission Convention of the Virginia Conference will meet in Lynchburg on the 18th, 19th and 20th of this month. Mrs. Albert May, of Petersburg, district secretary; Mrs. Sheldon Clives, delegate from Washington Street Church; Miss Pearl Young, delegate from Market Street Church; and Mrs. George P. Adams, of Blackstone, will be in attendance for Lynchburg to attend the convention.

## HURST PARK WINS CLAREMONT RACE

Captured the Handicap at Hurst Park by a Head and Lux Casto Second.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 16.—On a track that was slow as the result of the rain of yesterday, Hurst Park, with 150 pounds on his back, won the Claremont Handicap at Morris Park today. King Pepper made the pace to the stretch, where Lux took the lead and appeared to be winning easily, when Odion brought Hurst Park up with a rush and won driving by a head. Summary:

First race—last six and a half furlongs of the Withers Mile—Rapid Water (even) first, Robin Hood (7 to 2) second, South Atlantic (even) third. Time, 1:23 1/4.

Second race—last four and a half furlongs of the Eclipse course—Blundy (12 to 20) first, Britisher (5 to 1) second, Amberjack (10 to 1) third. Time, 54 1/4.

Third race—selling, last seven furlongs of the Withers mile—Rapid Water (20 to 3) first, Dark Planet (15 to 1) second, Tolan (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:30 1/2.

Fourth race—the Claremont Handicap, last six and a half furlongs of the Withers mile—Hurst Park (5 to 2) first, Lux Casto (12 to 5) second, Gay Boy (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:32.

Fifth race—the Withers mile—Runnel (12 to 10) first, Red Knight (5 to 1) second, Torham Queen (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:42 1/2.

Sixth race—handicap, mile and a furlong—Oranran (10 to 1) first, City Bank (5 to 1) second, Major Dinglerfeld (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:55 1/4.

## BASE-BALL YESTERDAY

Pirates Bat Out a Victory in the Sixth Inning and Score on Every Hit

### GIBSON LOSES FOR BOSTON

Detroit Defeats New York and the Phillies Down the Boys From the Windy City.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

#### Scores Yesterday.

Boston 2, Cincinnati 1.  
Chicago 7, Brooklyn 5.  
Pittsburgh 6, New York 1.  
St. Louis-Philadelphia; rain.

#### Sunday Scores.

Chicago 4, Philadelphia 2.  
Cincinnati 13, New York 2.  
Boston 1, St. Louis 0.

### Where They Play To-day.

New York at Pittsburgh.  
Brooklyn at Chicago.  
Boston at Cincinnati.  
Philadelphia at St. Louis.

### Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York.....	10	7	.588
Cincinnati.....	15	10	.600
Chicago.....	14	9	.609
Brooklyn.....	12	11	.522
St. Louis.....	12	12	.500
Pittsburgh.....	10	15	.400
Philadelphia.....	9	14	.391
Philadelphia.....	5	17	.227

### Chicago, 7; Brooklyn, 5.

CHICAGO, May 16.—Chicago to-day defeated Brooklyn in a rugged fielding exhibition.

Score: R. H. E.  
Chicago.....0 23 1 0 0 1—7 10 3  
Brooklyn.....0 0 0 3 1 0 0 0—2 6 5  
Batteries: Welner and O'Neill; Jones and Bergen. Time, 1:55. Umpire, Moran.

### Pittsburgh, 6; New York, 5.

PITTSBURGH, May 16.—The game was finely played to the fifth inning when a base on balls and four errors netted New York five runs. In the sixth Pittsburgh made five hits, scoring a run for every hit, and won the game.

Score: R. H. E.  
Pittsburgh.....0 0 0 0 5 0 0 0—6 15 11  
New York.....0 0 0 0 1 5 0 0—5 11 5  
Batteries: Mathewson and Warner; Leefer and Phelps. Time, 1:40. Umpire, Johnston and O'Day. Attendance, 6,390.

### Boston, 2; Cincinnati, 1.

CINCINNATI, May 16.—Cincinnati was unable to hit Wilhelm to-day and Boston won.

Score: R. H. E.  
Cincinnati.....0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 5 2  
Boston.....0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—2 6 1  
Batteries: Hahn and Schler; Wilhelm and Needham. Umpire, Emslie. Attendance, 2,600.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

#### Scores Yesterday.

Washington 4, Chicago 3.  
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 4.  
Cleveland 9, Boston 4.  
Detroit 11, New York 6.

### No Games Sunday.

### Where They Play Monday.

Cleveland at Boston.  
St. Louis at Philadelphia.  
Detroit at New York.  
Chicago at Washington.

### Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Boston.....	18	6	.750
Philadelphia.....	12	9	.571
New York.....	12	9	.571
Cleveland.....	14	12	.538
Chicago.....	10	12	.455
St. Louis.....	9	12	.429
Detroit.....	9	14	.391
Washington.....	4	17	.190

### Washington, 4; Chicago, 3.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Washington and Chicago played a loose game to-day. Patton was effective throughout.

Score: R. H. E.  
Washington.....1 2 0 0 1 0 0 0—4 9 3  
Chicago.....2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—3 8 2  
Batteries: Stever and Suggden; Patterson and Kirtledge; Patterson, Walsh and Sullivan. Time, 1:40. Umpire, Sheridan. Attendance, 3,000.

### Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 4.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—Henley's wildness in the first two innings resulted in four runs for St. Louis, but in the locals' half of the second inning they scored five runs on two bases on balls and five hits.

Score: R. H. E.  
Philadelphia.....0 5 0 0 0 0 0 0—5 9 3  
St. Louis.....3 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—4 8 2  
Batteries: Stever and Suggden; Henley and Powers. Time, 1:55. Umpire, Carpenter and O'Loughlin. Attendance, 3,100.

### Cleveland, 9; Boston, 4.

BOSTON, May 16.—Gibson's lack of control and poor fielding helped Cleveland to win from Boston to-day.

Score: R. H. E.  
Cleveland.....1 4 2 0 1 0 0 1—9 10 6  
Boston.....0 0 0 0 3 0 0 1—4 10 6  
Batteries: Bernhard and Bemis; Gibson and Criger. Time, 1:45. Umpire, Connolly. Attendance, 5,581.

### Detroit, 11; New York, 5.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The Detroit and New York team played their first game of the season to-day, the visitors winning. The local club gave a poor exhibition in the field.

Score: R. H. E.  
New York.....2 0 0 0 0 0 3 0—5 8 5  
Detroit.....1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1—11 13 3  
Batteries: Hughes, Wole and McGuire; Killian and Wood. Time, 2:20. Umpire, Dwyer and King.

### SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

#### Scores Yesterday.

Shreveport 3, Atlanta 2.  
Birmingham 2, Nashville 1.  
Montgomery-New Orleans—Postponed; rain.

### Birmingham, 2; Nashville, 1.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 16.—Patterson's error stretched Hamilton's single into a home run in the sixth inning, giving Birmingham the game. Attendance, 1,000.

Score: R. H. E.  
Birmingham.....0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2 7 1  
Nashville.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 1 1  
Batteries: Minnehan and Millerick; Herman and Knoll.

### Shreveport, 2; Atlanta, 2.

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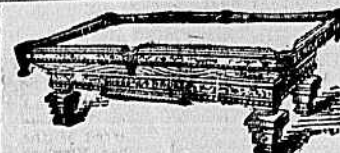
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